

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. National Stage Appln. of)	
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Denis LANTSBURY et al.)	Art Unit: 3617
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Serial No.: 10/555,650)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Filing Date: November 4, 2005)	Confirmation No.: 9572
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Priority Date: May 9, 2003)	
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For: WHEEL STUDS)	

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.183

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 and/or § 1.182, as applicable, the undersigned hereby submits this Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.183, along with the Petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f), to request that the Director suspend or waive M.P.E.P. Section 403.02, which states:

If the applicant simultaneously appoints two principal *>patent practitioners<, he or she should indicate with whom correspondence is to be conducted. If one is a local Washington metropolitan area *>patent practitioner< and the applicant fails to indicate either *>patent practitioner<, correspondence will be conducted with the local *>patent practitioner<.

If, after one *>patent practitioner< is appointed, a second *>patent practitioner< is later appointed without revocation of the power of the first *>patent practitioner<, the correspondence address of the second *>patent practitioner< is entered into the application file record (Ex parte Eggan, 1911 C.D. 213, 172 O.G. 1091 (Comm'r Pat. 1911)), so that the Office letters are to be sent to him or her.

In particular, to the extent that M.P.E.P. Section 403.02 requires that the correspondence address for the above-captioned patent application be changed to the address of the new patent practitioners identified on the Declaration being submitted concurrently with this Petition, it is respectfully requested that the Director suspend that requirement and instead send Office letters, including Office Actions, to the current correspondence address of record (i.e., Blank Rome LLP's address), or send Office letters to the addresses of the new patent practitioners as well as to Blank Rome LLP.

The relevant facts concerning this Petition are as follows. The Patent Office issued a Notice of Missing Requirements (NOMR) on November 17, 2006, in connection with this matter, indicating that an executed Declaration was required to be submitted, along with a surcharge fee. Initially, the two named inventors, both residents of the United Kingdom, refused to execute the Declaration. However, both of the inventors subsequently executed a new Declaration that had been prepared by the new patent practitioners identified in the Declaration being submitted concurrently with this Petition. The new Declaration changes the correspondence address for this matter to the address associated with the new patent practitioners. The present Petition is being submitted in order for Blank Rome LLP to continue to receive correspondence in this matter. Blank Rome LLP represents the interests of the International Applicant, Golf Innovations (UK), Ltd., which, on information and belief, has a proprietary interest in this application. On information and belief, the new patent practitioners represent the interests of one or both of the inventors.

Any fee due or additional fee required that is not submitted concurrently herewith is authorized. Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (124143-0101).

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